

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Rules Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 24, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

The Rules Committee of the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via Zoom meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022. The following Committee members were present:

Committee Members Present

Dorothy Gaskin, Board Chair
Destiny Hebert, Committee Chair
Terri Burner, Committee Member

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Meagan Doss, Complaints and Compliance Analyst

Visitors Present

Sandra Eskew-Capps, PT, DPT, American
Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)

Attorney General's Office

No Assistant Attorney General present.

Call to Order: Dr. Hebert called the committee meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Committee accepts the agenda as presented.

Discussion – Board Rules

1. **Chapter 490-1 ORGANIZATION OF BOARD**
2. **Chapter 490-2 LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS**
3. **Chapter 490-3 EVALUATION OF EXAMINATIONS_ APPLICANTS**
4. **Chapter 490-4 RENEWAL: CONTINUING COMPETENCE REQUIREMENTS-DISCIPLINARY**
5. **Chapter 490-5 SUPERVISION AND DIRECTION OF PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT**
6. **Chapter 490-6 PROCEDURAL RULES**
7. **Chapter 490-7 VERIFICATION OF LICENSE AND EXAMINATION SCORES**
8. **Chapter 490-8 PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDES: DEFINITION AND REQUIREMENTS**
9. **Chapter 490-9 CODE OF ETHICS**
10. **Chapter 490-10 PREVENTATIVE SERVICES**
11. **Chapter 490-11 CONSULTATION**
12. **Chapter 490-12 PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY DURING A DECLARED NATURAL DISASTER**
13. **Chapter 490-13 LICENSURE COMPACT**

Discussion – Board Policies

The Committee reviewed amendments to the Board Rules that were recommended during the July 2021 and November 2021 Board meetings. The Committee voted to accept the amendments and rationales made during those meetings and amend Board Policy 5 Continuing Competence Policy to remove information asymmetries concerning the current title of the State Physical Therapy Association. The committee struck the previous association title of Physical Therapy Association of Georgia (PTAG) and added American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA), the new title. The Committee also struck the reference to ProCert as it no longer exists.

POLICY #5

Category: Applications

Policy: ■

Title: Continuing Competence Policy
Statutory Basis: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-33-10 and 43-33-16.

Procedure:

Continuing competence hours obtained from, but not limited to, the following programs or organizations are generally accepted by the Board provided that the experience meets the requirements of Board Rule 490-4-.02 and is related to the practice of physical therapy:

- (a) The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and its affiliate components;
- (b) The [American Physical Therapy Association](#) ~~Physical Therapy Association~~ of Georgia (~~PTAG~~APTA-GA) or any other state chapters;
- (c) The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) (~~Procert~~);
- (d) Programs provided at CAPTE-Accredited colleges and universities with programs in physical therapy when the continuing competency course is held under the auspices of the school of physical therapy;
- (e) The American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA);
- (f) The American Academy of Physical Therapy (AAPT)
- (g) Programs approved by another state Board
- (h) JCAHO-accredited healthcare organizations
- (i) The American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS)
- (j) The National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA)
- (k) The American Dental Association (ADA)
- (l) The American Association of Nurses (AAN)
- (m) The American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)
- (n) The Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB)

Correspondence – Discrimination Against Foreign Trained Physical Therapists, Claire Rogers

The Committee reviewed the correspondence at the request of the Board and determined there was nothing the Board could do by rule regarding the concerns raised about the foreign education requirements as the requirements are statutory. The Committee voted to suggest that the Board refer the correspondence to APTA-GA to determine if the APTA-GA Board would like to propose legislation to amend the statute regarding licensure requirements for foreign trained applicants as the writer suggests and notify the writer of the referral.

The Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: July 12, 2022

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